

Please amend page 1, paragraph 2, to read as follows:

[DESCRIPTION]

Please amend page 1, paragraph 3, to read as follows:

-- **FIELD OF THE INVENTION** --.

[Field of the Invention]

The present invention relates generally to articles and methods for delimiting selected locations such as spatial zones and, more particularly, to [a connection group for] movable [road] barriers and systems for connecting the same.

Please amend page 1, paragraph 4, to read as follows:

-- **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION** --

[Description of the technical field]

It is common practice to delimit or surround [such] public places, such as squares, roads or other special areas by [means of] movable barriers or hurdles to prevent access, regulate traffic or perform similar functions. [The] Typically, the barriers[, usually] are [made] constructed of metal[, generally] and have a structure [consisting of] that comprises a base from which [there extend] two lateral upright members supporting a panel[, which] extends. The panel may have various shapes and dimensions, bear[ing] inscriptions and/or two-coloured diagonal bands.

Please amend page 1, paragraph 5, to read as follows:

When an area is to be fenced off, the barriers are placed in line, each adjacent to the next, and joined together with the help of [connecting means consisting] connectors comprising, as a general rule, [of] a pair of substantially square hooks, that extend in the plane of the barrier from one of the two lateral uprights, for engaging [with] corresponding tubular appendices projecting from the other lateral upright of the adjacent barrier.

Please amend page 2, paragraph 2, to read as follows:

-- OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

[Objects and summary of the Invention]

_____ [It is an] An object of the present invention is to provide a connection group or system for [connecting] joining movable road barriers to one another [that will make it possible] so as to create barrier lines even on moderately irregular ground or other surfaces [on] upon which it [is] has not been possible to maintain [the necessary parallelism of their] lateral upright[s] if members of such barriers in their necessary parallel orientation while the barriers themselves [are also to] rest firmly and stably on the ground.

Please amend page 3, first full paragraph, to read as follows:

Another object of the present invention is to provide a connection group for [connecting] joining movable road barriers to one another that will make it possible to lock the connection after it has been made, thereby, preventing [any] unauthorized opening or dismantling of the barrier line.

Please amend page 3, second full paragraph, to read as follows:

These objects and advantages [aims] are attained by [means of the] a connection group for [connecting] movable road barriers, in accordance with the present invention, in which [has the feature of comprising] a pair of jawed joints [that can be] are attached to [the] respective upright[s] members of two adjacent barriers, and connected to each other in an articulated manner in order to compensate for a possible lack of co-planarity and/or parallelism of the upright[s] members due to [the conformation of] their conformance with the ground on which the barriers are erected. In particular, the connection between the [two] joints is made [by means of] using an elastic articulation, preferably [consisting of] a helical spring [that has] with its respective ends connected to [said] the joints.